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SUBJ: LUMBER FOR CAMBODIA

REF : PHNOM PENH 4191

1. EMBASSY ADMIN HAS BEEN PURSUING LUMBER PROBLEM ENERGETICALLY WITH THAI CIVILIAN MINISTRIES AND HOPES OBTAIN FINAL CLEARANCE FOR SHIPMENT WITHIN NEXT TWO WEEKS. POMIL HAS ALSO RAISED PROBLEM WITH GENERAL KRIANGSAK.

2. ONE LONG-STANDING OBSTACLE HAS BEEN RTG SUSPICION THAT LUMBER CLAIMED TO BE OF LAOTIAN ORIGIN IS ACTUALLY OF THAI ORIGIN. CONTRACTOR HAS RECENTLY PRODUCED CUSTOMS DOCUMENTATION TO SUPPORT CLAIM THAT LUMBER ENTERED THAILAND FROM LAOS. WE UNCERTAIN WHETHER THIS AND OTHER DOCUMENTATION PRESENTED WILL BE SUFFICIENT TO SATISFY ALL QUESTIONS.

3. ANOTHER COMPLICATION IS THAT THAI COMMITTEE INVESTIGATING PROPERTY OF FORMER PRIME MINISTER THANOM CONFISCATED THE LUMBER. THIS ACTION WAS APPARENTLY BASED ON THE ALLEGATION THAT THE LUMBER WAS SUPPLIED BY THANOM AND CHINESE VENDORS. CAPTAIN WATTANAPHOL, RTN PORT COMMANDER AT SATTAPHI, REPORTED THIS TO SUPTHAI ON MARCH 18 AND ADVISED THAT HE HAD BEEN APPOINTED TO OVERSEE THE PROPER DISPOSITION OF THE LUMBER. WE HAVE PRESENTED EVIDENCE OF RIGHTFUL US OWNERSHIP.

4. WE WILL CONTINUE OUR EFFORTS TO RESOLVE THE HOLDUPS

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AND REPORT ANY IMPORTANT NEW DEVELOPMENTS.

POSSIBILITY FAVORABLE REPORT CAN BE SENT WITHIN NEXT 10 DAYS.

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